

Milwaukee County

Supervisor, 10th District Elizabeth Coggs-Jones

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ISAAC AND MARCIA COGGS "MADE MILWAUKEE FAMOUS"

Supervisor's parents honored at Milwaukee Press Club event

Milwaukee, WI – As part of its annual coordination of the City of Milwaukee birthday party, the Milwaukee Press Club will ask its membership and the public to vote on the "legends that made Milwaukee famous." The nominees include Isaac and Marcia Coggs, the parents of Milwaukee County Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones.

Isaac served in the Wisconsin State Legislature for 12 years before becoming one of Milwaukee County's first African-American Supervisors. He introduced legislation for fair housing and equality throughout his elected career

Marcia has been a pioneer and trailblazer since moving to Milwaukee in 1952. She was the first African-American Woman to be elected to the Wisconsin State Legislature, and has campaigned for civil rights for decades. In 1980, the Isaac Coggs Health Center opened to provide health care in the central city.

Their daughter, Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, has been a Milwaukee County Supervisor for the past 18 years.

Voting will begin Friday, November 10th at www.legendsofmilwaukee.org (site not active until after the announcement Thursday night). The winners will be announced at the City of Milwaukee birthday party Wednesday, January 31st, 2007, 5:30 p.m. at the Milwaukee Art Museum.

